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**Statement from Bishop Donald Hying, regarding Archbishop Cordileone of San Francisco's recognition of Speaker Pelosi's choice to separate herself from full communion with the Catholic Church**

"I fully support Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone's prudent decision to recognize that the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, has persistently taken public positions in support of legal abortion, contrary to her professed Catholic faith, choosing to separate herself from full communion with the Catholic Church, and therefore is not to present herself for the reception of Holy Communion in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Archbishop Cordileone's public statement made it clear that this serious measure is 'purely pastoral, not political' in a further attempt 'to help her understand the grave evil she is perpetrating, the scandal she is causing, and the danger to her own soul she is risking...' This is not a decision that was made rashly, but rather one made after almost ten years of patient dialogue and repeated attempts at reconciliation with the congresswoman and the consistently held teachings of the Catholic Church. Please join me in prayer for Speaker Pelosi, that she may embrace the sacred truth and dignity of the human person, formed in the womb, in the image of God."

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